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"THE DEMOCRACY IN THE APPROACHING STRUGGLE SHOULD PRESENT A SOLID FRONT TO THE COMMON ENEMY. LOYALTY TO CARDINAL DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND REGULARLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES IS THE SUPREME DUTY OF THE HOUR."
—D. B. HILL.

FRANK WRIGHT imagines that he carries the Mexican vote of this county in his vest pocket. A week from tomorrow he will be wondering how they got away.

"THE value of lead has not been enhanced by the McKinley law."
—Enterprise.

Then why do you devote a column to show that it has?

G. W. MILES is thoroughly qualified to discharge the duties of assessor of this county. He is not only qualified to assess property but he will not be at a loss when it comes to making out the tax rolls for the county.

D. P. CARR was the father of the bill to prohibit women from entering saloons in this Territory. Most of the women in New Mexico can keep out of saloons without the aid of a law to compel them to do so.

THE Deming Headlight estimates the majority of J. H. Tracy, democratic candidate for coroner, at 500. Tracy is one of the most popular democrats in the county and would make the handsomest coroner in the Territory.

MISS THOMPSON is conducting her canvass with a dislocated shoulder. This shows that the democratic candidate for superintendent of schools is not lacking in pluck. She is gaining in popularity every day and will be elected by an overwhelming majority. She will attend to the duties of the office as zealously as she is making the canvass.

E. L. HALL is in favor of re-trenchment in the county expenses and this is one of the most important questions before the people now. The present fee system was given to the people of this Territory by the republican party and republican office holders have defeated every attempt to abolish the system through the republican majority in the legislature. The only hope for the taxpayers lies in the election of a democratic legislature.

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Perry B. Lady, who is running against Frank J. Wright, is certain of election. In the early part of the campaign, the republicans thought that Wright would have a walk over. He was held up to the public as a model statesman, while the republican wits were inclined to crack jokes at the expense of Lady. Wright's silk tie appeared on the streets carefully brushed every day, and the dapper gentleman under it posed as the exquisite representative of statesmanship in Grant County, until people began to wonder why he didn't make a speech and exhibit some of his statesmanship. Then it was found out that he couldn't make a speech if he tried. The silk hat game wouldn't work and so Frank took it off and put on a soft hat and went out into the country to look for votes. He succeeded in convincing everybody that his proper place is in a female seminary teaching young ladies' ideas how to shoot—an occupation in which he is said to have been engaged before he came to Silver City.

As to Carr, nobody but himself ever expected that he would be elected.

Of the county ticket there is one thing certain. If the democrats in the county do their duty and vote the ticket, it will be elected from top to bottom by an average majority of not less than 100. The county is democratic and the only chance the republicans have of electing a single man on their ticket is by trading and inducing democrats to scratch their tickets. Vote the straight democratic ticket and success is ours.

THERE is no doubt but that T. N. Childers needs the office of assessor of this county but the time has gone when voters of Grant county shut their eyes to the qualifications of a man to fill an office and vote for him out of sympathy. Mr. Childers has never held an office in this county and there is no evidence before the people that he would make a competent assessor. In order to properly fill the office of assessor the incumbent must have a good idea of the value of property. A man who does not know or cannot estimate the approximate value of property, both real and personal, cannot make a fair assessment of property and assessments ought to be made on such a basis as will be fair to all taxpayers. The assessor's office is the one, above all others, that touches the pocket of every property owner in the county and every property owner is interested in having a thoroughly competent man in the office. G. W. Miles is such a man. He has served as superintendent of schools and no one will deny that he has performed the duties of the office faithfully and in an entirely satisfactory manner. He is well posted in regard to the value of property and there is no reason to suppose that he would not make an excellent assessor.

GRANT COUNTY is in bad condition financially. The interest on her bonded debt is overdue since July. The only hope for the county is to elect the republican candidates for commissioners.—Enterprise.

The republicans have had a majority on the board of county commissioners for nearly two years and this year is the first in the history of Grant County that interest on its bonded indebtedness has been defaulted. It would not have been defaulted this year if the republican members of the board last year had complied with the law. The credit of the county demands the election of a democratic board of county commissioners.

REPUBLICANS are industriously circulating campaign yarns about J. N. Upton, but sufficient care was not taken in getting them up to make them sound right and nobody can be found who will believe them. The republicans are in a desperate situation and realize that something must be done in order to save the head off the republican ticket, and they have resorted to this method to win the fight. They have made a mistake but it is too late for them to change their tactics now.

A. B. LAIRD, the republican candidate for sheriff, is not a perpetual candidate. He has been before the people only four times and after the 8th of this month he will take the hint and subside. Andy is a good bricklayer and ought to stick to his trowel.

THE CASE OF DR. WOOD.

Dr. G. N. Wood was county commissioner of this county in 1885-6 and his record has been held up as a model for the public to admire. The truth about the matter is that the case will not bear a close investigation.

In 1884 Samuel H. Eckles, then treasurer of this county, informed the board of county commissioners that the funds of the County were tied up in the hands of the assignee of C. P. Crawford and that he was unable to produce them. The board of county commissioners, then consisting of C. S. Welles, M. W. Bremen, and J. L. Vaughn ordered the treasurer to give an additional bond. The Commissioner's record No. 1, page 239 has the following entry: "October 11, A. D. 1884. The board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, C. S. Welles, chairman; M. W. Bremen, com'r; N. Scarritt, Jr. Deputy clerk. The additional bond of Samuel H. Eckles as treasurer, for thirty thousand dollars was presented to the board and, on motion of Mr. Bremen was approved and filed with the clerk of said board. Sureties are Angus Campbell and Isaac N. Cohen."

At the following election Dr. Wood was elected one of the commissioners and at the February meeting of the board, about six weeks after Dr. Wood had qualified as commissioner, the record shows the following: "Meeting of the board of county commissioners held at Silver City in and for Grant County, on the 13th day of February A. D. 1885. Present Hon. Angus Campbell, chairman; Hon. G. N. Wood, com'r; E. Stein, clerk." (Here follows record of regular routine work.) "Board then adjourned until next day at 9 a. m."

"Feb. 14, A. D. 1885. Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present all of the officers as of yesterday. The clerk was ordered by the board to instruct the treasurer to transfer \$1,000 from the railroad bond fund to the general county fund to be paid out on special orders of the board, signed by the chairman and clerk thereof."

Then follows an order for the purchase of stationery and then comes one of the most extraordinary orders ever passed by a board of county commissioners. It is as follows: "It was then ordered adjudged and decreed by the board that the sureties on the additional treasurer's bond of S. H. Eckles, Esq., be and they are hereby relieved from any further responsibility as such sureties and said bond cancelled." It will be seen from the record that only two commissioners were present and that one of them was one of the bondsmen of the treasurer. The bond was for \$30,000 which was ample to secure the county from any loss on account of the failure of the bank in which the county funds had been deposited by Mr. Eckles. The bondsmen were perfectly good but the doctor in the goodness of his heart chose rather, without either precedent or warrant of law, to cancel a bond by which proceeding the county lost many thousand dollars, than do his duty and save the money.

Besides this it will be noticed that at this same meeting, the commissioners transferred \$1,000 from the railroad bond fund to the general fund, which it had no right to do. A page of this paper could be filled up with an account of the official misdeeds of this same commissioner who is now a candidate for election. These are matters of record and cannot be denied or disputed. Are the people of Grant county going to vote for a man who voted to relieve bondsmen from a bond when by his refusal to so would have saved the county thousands of dollars? We believe that the tax payers of Grant county are opposed to an advance in the rate of taxation and a man who has once relieved bondsmen from their obligation might do so again. The county is in such shape just now that such a man cannot be trusted.

The long expected death of Mrs. Harrison, wife of the President, occurred at 1:40 last Tuesday morning. Services were held in the White House Thursday morning before the departure of the funeral train for Indianapolis. The funeral was held at Indianapolis, the old home of Gen. Harrison, last Friday. The President has the sympathy of the people of this country, irrespective of party, in his affliction.

Mr. ANCHETA said (at Las Cruces) it had been attempted by irresponsible democratic politicians to induce him to condemn Mr. Catron for this outrage, but he could not believe that Mr. Catron had anything to do with it; that he was far more inclined to believe that the attempt at his assassination was a democratic plot from beginning to end.—Enterprise.

The Enterprise is not ignorant of what every one knows, that democrats had nothing to do with Ancheta's charges against Catron, and that Mr. Ancheta, publicly, upon the streets of this town, at least a dozen times declared that the election of Catron would be a public calamity; that Catron was a selfish, unscrupulous man who, if elected over Joseph, would own the Territory; that he would be willing to stump the Territory against Catron, as he verily believed that Catron caused him to be shot. Not even the Enterprise will deny these things.

SPEAKING of the Hon. Frank J. Wright, republican candidate for the legislature, the Enterprise says he is a statesman and a good speaker. We arise to inquire who among us ever heard Frank Wright make a speech during the eight or ten years that he has lived here? Although a lawyer both Lady and Hall can discount him, and they don't pretend to be statesmen, they are only common men. Verily he is a statesman who is a still-hunter. No one knows what Frank Wright's views are about anything.

THE cattle barons have had representation enough on the board of county commissioners. The small holders have suffered and now they have an opportunity of getting representation on the board. Small holders have been obliged to pay taxes on all their cattle while many of the large herds have been estimated very liberally, to say the least, from the owner's point of view. Baylor Shannon and S. S. Brannin will represent the majority in this county and they will be elected.

THE people of this county are interested in the repeal of the change of venue law and the way to get it repealed is to vote for men to represent us in the legislature who are in no way connected with the Las Cruces or Santa Fe rings. Vote for the democratic candidates for the legislature and neither Thomas B. Catron nor the Las Cruces colonels will shape legislation next winter.

G. W. MILES is a young man of energy and ambition. He will take pride in doing the work in the assessor's office well and he is a competent man for the position. County officers should be selected for their fitness for the work which they have to do and no better selection for assessor could have been made than G. W. Miles.

THE Enterprise has been supporting Catron in a half-hearted sort of way all along but last week it left his name off the ticket at the head of its columns. Catron is too much for even the Enterprise to swallow.

E. M. YOUNG has filled the office of probate clerk of this county in an entirely satisfactory manner. He has performed all the duties required of him by law and the people of this county are satisfied with his record.

U. E. McDANIEL is one of the most popular candidates on either ticket among the miners of this county and will make as good a commissioner as the county ever had.

The most amusing part of the present campaign has been the chattering of the colored corporal at Santa Fe. He imagines that he has made a strong fight for Catron but he is the only person in the territory who is of the same opinion.

THE assessor's office comes nearest to the pockets of the people. Vote for a man who is qualified to perform the duties of that office.

We print an interesting letter from the author of the Panlin school bill on the fourth page of this issue. It shows how friendly Mr. Catron was to the school law.

WHY did Catron leave the platform and the hall when Carr and Ancheta were to speak? Every friend of Carr and Ancheta should remember Catron's course and brutal discourtesy.

A CARD.

To the Voters of Grant County:
I deem it a duty to my friends and self to refute the unjust imputations cast upon me in the editorial columns of last week's Enterprise in which it is in substance alleged:

"That I failed during my first year in office to make out a financial statement of the affairs of the county, although requested by the board of commissioners to do so; that the report made out by me this year was a financial statement only in name; that I have claimed that the county did not pay extra for such work and that I could not afford to do it without pay; and that the last grand jury report stated that the real condition of the county could not be ascertained from the clerk's books, etc. All said charges are unjust and misleading. I have complied with the law strictly and performed my duties to the best of my ability. Section 827 Compiled laws of 1884, (the only law on the subject) provides that the commissioners at their regular meeting in January in each year, shall cause to be prepared, a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the county during the year immediately preceding, setting forth the amount of money received from taxes, licenses and other sources; setting forth also the amount expended and the particular objects for which in each case every sum of money has been expended, and such statement signed by the chairman and clerk, shall be published for two weeks in some newspaper printed in the county."

I was not sworn in until January 6th of last year; under the above law it was the duty of the old board and former clerk to prepare the statement before I was sworn in to make out the statement for the preceding year (1890).

I did not make it out that year, because the law did not require me to do it and because I could not do it, for the reason that when I took charge, the books were in such a shape that no man living could have made out a statement from them, but in compliance with the law and my duty I did in the early part of this year make out as full a statement as it was possible to make, and it was complete and perfect as to the preceding year (1891) while I had been in office, and it was published for two weeks in the Enterprise. This report showed to a cent all receipts and expenditures from the time I entered the office. I refer voters to that report as published and now on file and challenge any man to impeach it. I have never refused to make out such statement or to do any other duty pertaining to my office, pay or no pay.

The last grand jury report in no manner whatever reflected upon my official conduct, nor was it so intended, but it was predicated upon the affairs of the office before I took charge, by which I, as well as the commissioners, have been hampered. The books of the office since I have been in have been kept correctly and systematically, and I challenge experts to inspect them and show any neglect or failure of duty on my part or on the part of my deputy, Mr. Eugene Cosgrove. Respectfully,
EDGAR M. YOUNG.
Silver City, N. M., Oct. 27, 1892.

NOT one of the statements of the First National Bank of this city which has ever been published was sworn to by Mr. E. M. Young. The editors of the Enterprise are well aware of this fact and yet, in order to defeat him, have published articles stating that he swore to statements of the bank. Neither the editors of the Enterprise nor any one else can produce a single statement of the First National Bank made from the time the bank was established in 1886 to the time of its failure last February, which was sworn to or which purported to have been sworn to by Mr. Young and we challenge the Enterprise to the proof.

THE Enterprise prints under the title "Joseph's Record" what was probably intended as an Enterprise joke. As the Enterprise is in the habit of explaining its jokes in the issue following their appearance, an explanation may be looked for next Friday. The readers of that paper do not seem to understand the jokes of its funny editor.

THE Enterprise is very solicitous about the welfare of Dr. Stovall. That paper says that his election to the legislature would result in financial loss to him but we wish to state that the doctor is better able to stand the financial loss than his opponent. Besides the doctor will not ask the Enterprise to contribute to his support if his election should result disastrously to his finances. He has lived in this county a number of years and has never had any difficulty in meeting his bills and isn't borrowing any trouble about it now.

The Call Of the Southwest Silver Convention and Mass Meeting of Miners.

EL PASO, TEX., Aug. 15, 1892. In obedience to the will and instructions of the Southwest Silver Convention and mass meeting of miners held in this city, on the 15th 16th, and 17th days of December, 1891, your executive and sub-committee, charged with the duty of perpetuating the annual assemblage of the miners of the Southwest in El Paso, do, in virtue of the authority vested in them, announce that the second Annual Southwest Silver convention and mass meeting of miners, will convene in El Paso, Dec. 5, 1892, at 9 A. M.

Miners are urged to be present upon the occasion and to otherwise lend their assistance to a cause that now, if ever, requires friends and advocates.

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